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UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS ITEM, U.S. REP ASKED FRG REP (DZIALAS) WHETHER HE WAS NOW IN A POSITION TO AGREE TO PACT TANK FIGURE OF 15,500, GIVEN THAT THIS FIGURE HAD BEEN AGREED TO BY ALL OTHER ALLIES. FRG REP SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AT THIS TIME BUT WOULD ALERT BONN THAT U.S. HAD AGAIN RAISED QUESTION IN WG. HE THOUGHT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN EARLY EXPLANATION OF FRG ESTIMATE OF ABOUT 20,000, AND SAID HE WOULD KEEP MISSION INFORMED. TURING TO UK REP (SMITH) U.S. REP ASKED WHETHER UK COULD NOW ACCEPT 925,000 AS ROUNDED ESTIMATE FOR TOTAL PACT MANPOWER. UK REP SAID THAT HE COULD NOT SUPPORT THIS FIGURE UNTIL U.S. HAD PROVIDED BREAK-DOWNS AND EXPLANATIONS NECESSARY TO RECONCILE EXISTING DISCREPANCIES.

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IN INFORMAL CORRIDOR CONVERSATION WITH UK REP FOLLOWING MEETING, U.S. REP STATED THAT WE WOULD EXPECT TO EXPLAIN DISCREPANCIES IN DUE COURSE (MISSION IS STILL AWAITING GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF B) BUT IN THE MEANTIME WISHED TO KNOW WHETHER UK COULD AGREE TO

925,000 AS ROUNDED ESTIMATE FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF AHG. HE RECALLED THAT WHEN ISSUE OF 925,000 WAS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED IN NOVEMBER 5 SPC, NO OBJECTION WAS RAISED BY ANY ALLY. UK REP SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH LONDON AND INFORM US PRIVATELY. IF UK ACCEPTS FIGURE POINT WILL BE MADE AT NOVEMBER 8 SPC MEETING. IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS NOTED BONN'S 16014 (JUST RECEIVED) REQUEST GUIDANCE ON PROPOSED GERMAN UNDERSTANDING IN PARA 5 SHOULD FRG PRESENT IT IN NATO FORUM. MCAULIFFE

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